

The conferees of the Senate and the House of Representatives met today to approve the Interior and Environment Appropriations Bill for fiscal year 2010, which provides the resources

necessary to meet Federal stewardship obligations and to help protect the environment, including funding

for the Department of the Interior, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Forest Service and other

related agencies.

Overall, the Conference Agreement helps communities and public lands by focusing on five priority

areas:

1. Water infrastructure and environmental protection needs
2. Firefighting and fuels reduction on Federal lands
3. Bolstering our public land management agencies
4. Protecting public lands through the Land and Water Conservation Fund
5. Helping the most vulnerable in Indian Country

The FY2010 Interior and Environment Appropriations Bill provides the resources necessary to meet Federal stewardship obligations and to help protect the environment, including funding for the Department of the Interior, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Forest Service and other related agencies.

---

{loadposition left}